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ORDNANCE FACTORY AT NALANDA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether work is going on in the ordnance factory at Nalanda in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time schedule for its completion and the onus of loss due to non-commissioning of whole plant;

(d) the details of amount of loss due to non-commissioning of whole plant; and

(e) the action taken against the defaulters?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) Yes, Madam, action for setting up of ordnance factory at Nalanda in Bihar is underway.

(b) Commissioning of Nitro Cellulose Plant (NC) and erection of Sulphuric Acid Concentration / Nitric Acid Concentration Plant (SAC/NAC) are under progress. Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) is also planning for procurement of sub-plants for main Bi-Modular Charge System (BMCS) plant on its own.

(c) & (d): As per signed contract with M/s IMI, Israel, the target date for commissioning of the main Bi-Modular Charge System (BMCS) plant was September 2011. However, CBI investigations had started in May 2009 against M/s Israeli Military Industries (IMI) and others due to vendors' misconduct relating to illegal gratification.

(e) M/s IMI has been debarred from doing any further business dealings with Ministry of Defence for a period of ten years. Certain advances paid to the firm have been recovered and some Bank Guarantees submitted by the vendor have been forfeited as per contract & rules in force.